

SENATE BILL 571

By Overbey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71,
relative to long-term care.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-1406, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting the following:

The commissioner shall implement policies and processes that expedite the determination of medicaid categorical and financial eligibility and medical eligibility for nursing facility services and home- and community-based programs and services, either through contracted functions of the department of human services or within the bureau of TennCare. The policies and processes may include, but are not limited to, presumptive or immediate medicaid eligibility determination, fast-track eligibility determination, development of specialized units or teams for determination of medicaid eligibility for nursing facility services and HCBS, implementation of facilitated enrollment processes, implementation of an online medical eligibility application process, and a review of applicable court orders affecting the programs to determine appropriate compliance.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.